1	2	3	4
2006	3	2	Nil
2007 (January to July)	1	1	Nil
TOTAL:	14	7	6

(b) Two US Navy nuclear powered Aircraft Carriers and five nuclear powered submarines have participated in Indo-US exercises so far.

(c) Ships with nuclear propulsion from other nations have docked at Indian ports in the past. None of these ships were known to carry nuclear weapons.

Feedback on implementation of NREGA

*155. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) completed a year on April, 30, the Government have got different feed-back from different States and some States are demanding extension of the NREGA Act and some other States remained lukewarm to its implementation;

(b) whether NGOs of different States have brought into focus other major issues of concern before the Union and State Governments;

(c) if so, what are the other main points which are needed for overload job scheme; and

(d) by what time these changes are necessary to implement the scheme fully?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) is demand based programme. Employment is provided if a registered job seeker possessing a job card demands wage employment and is willing to do manual work. Demand for employment varies from State to State and also within districts in a State. Being demand based, the pace of implementation of NREGA is different in different States. In the beginning, implementation of the Act was affected in some States due to State Assembly elections in some States, rains and floods and lack of staff with the implementing agencies. However, the process of implementation is now gearing up. During the year 2006-07. A total of about 2.12 crore households demanded employment out of which 2.10 crore were provided employment. 90.51 crore person days of employment was generated out of which 22.95 crore (25.36%) were SC, 32.99 crore (36.45%) ST and 36.79 crore (40.65%) for women. A total of 8.35 lakh works were taken up out of which 3.87 lakhs works were completed during the year 2006-07. A State-wise status report of implementation of the Act for the year 2006-07 is given in the Statement. Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to usq 151 Part (a).

In accordance with section 1(3) of NREGA, the Act is to be extended to the whole of the territory to which it extends with in a period of five years from the date of its enactment. NREGA was enacted on 7.9.2005. 330 Districts have already been covered under the Act in two phases. Some States have sent proposals for extension of the Act to more districts. All the districts would be covered under the Act by September, 2010.

(b) to (d) NGOs in different States have been active in awareness generation, social audit and community mobilization. The issues that emerged through the NGOs interaction with Union and State Governments are taken up for further action.

Closure of NTC mill at Gulbarga

*156. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of closure of MSK mill of NTC at Gulbarga;

(b) if so, how many employees were terminated and how many employees were given VRS; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) As per the Revival Scheme for National Textile Corporation (NTC) approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in the year 2002, all 66 unviable mills in NTC were to be closed under the provisions of Industrial Disputes (I.D.) Act. MSK Mill, Gulbarga, being one of these unviable mills, was closed *w.e.f.* 06.05.2002.

(b) and (c) When an industrial establishment is closed under the provisions of the I.D. Act, only retrenchment compensation is eligible. However the Government/ NTC has offered an attractive Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS) compensation to all the employees of MSK mill, Gulbarga. 750 employees, including badli workers, who were on roll of the mill have been paid attractive MVRS compensation and the Company has spent Rs. 2293.91 lakhs for the same.

Funds for construction of border roads in N.E. States

*157. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted, during 2007-2008, for construction of border roads in North Eastern States; and

(b) the length of roads (in kms) expected to be added with the allocated funds during 2007-2008 in N.E. States especially in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) During 2007-2008, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) proposes to spend a sum of Rs. 221.27 crores for construction/improvement of Border Roads of Operational/strategic importance in